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APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF PERMIT TO PROSPECT FOR MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL AND GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

PERMITTEE:

American Colloid Company

P. O. Box 2010

Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717

AGENT:

Al Williams

P. O. Box 2010

Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717

PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION:

Approval of extension of a permit to prospect for gold, silver and other valuable minerals other than oil and gas, geothermal resources, sand and gravel, on approximately 668.10 acres of land, located in San Bernardino County.

TERMS OF EXTENSION:

August 1, 1986 through July 31, 1987.

AREA, TYPE AND LAND AND LOCATION:

Approximately 668.10 acres of State school land

described as Section 36, T18N R9E SBM,

San Bernardino County, 24 miles northeast of

Saker.

PREREQUISITE ITEMS:

Application for extension submitted by

Permittee.

Statutory filing fee and processing fee have

been submitted by Permittee.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

- Mineral prospecting permit PRC 6681 was approved for issuance to American Colloid Company by the Commission on May 24, 1584, effective August 1, 1984. Laboratory analysis of samples derived from augering indicates that bentonite clay present may contain the appropriate physical properties allowing the material to be suitable for feed grade sales. American Colloid Company desires a one year extension of their mineral prospecting permit to perform additional augering and laboratory analysis to more fully assess the location, grade, and marketability of the bentonite deposit.
- 2. After reviewing the request for extension of the permit, staff believes there are no circumstances surrounding the project nor changes in the environment or the project that indicate the proposed action will have a significant effect on the environment.
- The primary term of a Prospecting Permit is two years. The Commission may, in its discretion, extend the term for one additional year.
- 4. The renewal is in the best interest of the State.

STATUTORY KLEERENCES:

- A. P.R.C.: Div. 6, Section 6891.
- B. Cal. Adm. Code: Title 2, Section 2200.
- C. Location Map.

AB 884:

N/A.

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION:

1. A Negative Declaration including the proposed extension was prepared by the Commission staff pursuant to CEQA and implementing regulations, and was certified by the Commission May 24, 1984.

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- Any change in the proposed prospecting activities will require an environmental review pursuant to CEQA Regulations.
- Pursuant to P.R.C. 6895, the applicant would have a preferential right to a lease for a maximum of 668.10 acres embraced within the permit. Said right shall be subject to all necessary environmental approvals. The permit will not affect the discretion of the Commission in granting or denying such environmental approvals.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Land Description.
- B. Site Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

- FIND THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROJECT WAS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION ON MAY 24, 1984 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CEQA, THAT A DETERMINATION WAS MADE THAT THE PROJECT WOULD NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THAT SAID DOCUMENT AND DETERMINATION REMAIN VALID FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION.
- 2. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6891 OF THE P.R.C., AUTHORIZE THAT EXTENSION THROUGH JULY 31, 1987, OF PROSPECTING PERMIT PRC 6681, ISSUED TO AMERICAN COLLOID COMPANY, TO PROSPECT FOR ALL MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL AND GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES; ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT ARE TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

EXHIBIT "A"

PRC 6681

A parcel of California State school lands in San Bernardino County, California, described as follows:

Section 36, T18N, R9E, SBM.

END OF DESCRIPTION

PREPARED MAY 9, 1984, BY BOUNDARY AND TITLE UNIT, LEROY WEED, SUPERVISOR.

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